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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

When this application was filed on July 31, 2001, Applicant submitted a Preliminary Amendment which amended the previous cross-references in the specification and canceled all but claims 1-4 on page 121, lines 3-26.

The application as filed had 90 claims, including numerous misnumbered claims. The misnumbered claims on page 121, lines 30-36, and all claims on pages 122-141 were canceled. The canceled claims would have been claims 5 through 90.

In this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicant is adding additional claims 91 through 120.

The pending claims in the application, 1-4 and 91-120, are as follows:

1. An SPM system for making a modification to an object, the SPM system comprising:

an SPM probe for making a modification to the object;

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